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4. [] Met with Messrs. Braswell, Woolsey, and Ticer, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and covered the following items:

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a. I said that Mr. Colby would address himself to the [] case when he testified before the CIA Subcommittee tomorrow.

b. The staff gave me copies of a letter dated 2 July 1973 the Committee has received from an organization called the Committee for Action/Research on the Intelligence Community. The letter is signed by Timothy C. Butz and Winslow Peck. The thrust of the letter is that Mr. Colby, having nothing but operational experience in the Agency, is not qualified to assume the full duty of Director of Central Intelligence. Furthermore, the letter alleges that Mr. Colby perjured himself when he testified before the House Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee in April of 1971. The contention is that Mr. Colby lied when he said that the Phoenix Program was not an assassination program. The staff will give Senator Symington the [] memo and this letter and suggest that he ask Mr. Colby for any comments that he might care to make on them.

c. The staff indicated that Representative Drinan's (D., Mass.) office has called to inquire whether it is too late for Mr. Drinan to submit a statement in the Committee transcript of Mr. Colby's confirmation hearing. Braswell indicated that he will raise this question with Senator Symington.

d. The staff indicated that they would want us to sanitize Mr. Colby's testimony before the full Committee on the Agency's activities in Laos in part of the Military Procurement hearings. I said it had been my impression that this testimony was to have remained executive and not released but the staff said that this was not so. Symington would want this testimony sanitized for publication.

e. Braswell indicated that Senator Stennis was conferring with Senators Symington and Thurmond today to talk with them separately about several sensitive Agency operations. He said further that Senator Stennis told him he planned to leave it up to Mr. Colby as to how he handled these matters (if they were covered at all) in tomorrow's budget presentation.

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